

[Temple Bar.

CHAPTER

The appearance of illness—perhaps I should rather say of disquietude and agitation—in his face recalled to me the purpose for which I had been summoned. I inquired whether it was on his own account that he had sent for medical advice. He replied in the affirmative. What, then, were his symptoms? What did he suspect?

"I have said that in spite of the war and comfort of the surroundings I was conscious of a sensation of uneasiness. It was, perhaps—or certainly—steady growth of this sensation over which at length prompted me to speak of it aloud.

"*Froissart*," I said, suddenly, after a long interval of silence, during

question, Froissart, perhaps strange one:—Is that figure it or is it not—alive?"

We had, as I have said, been going the stairs as we spoke though had by this time reached the chamber in which I was lying at night. Froissart regarded singular expression.

Is it known whether you

there could be little
bras had hit upon a
might revolutionize the
"We began to play
that I had been right
had devised appeared
up the attack—so at
I sat waiting for Somb
He was already putting
to do so when I saw

doubt that Sombras discovered which game. "Yes, and it seemed right. The move I made had to have broken down at least I thought as Sombras to reply to it. I took out his hand and he was surprised."

I said earnestly, though red, 'if you are here by what mysterious lot, speak to me! What me do?'

laughing at my agitation, re-
myself that I should find the
own up in rank, and there
an end of the mystery—a
elusion. I had played, as it
with the black men—"
I said again.

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